

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

To: Howard Levenson
Deputy Director

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Request Date: April 11, 2013

Decision Subject: Application To Expand The Los Angeles County Recycling Market Development Zone

Action By: May 15, 2013

Summary of Request:

This item requests approval of an application submitted by the Los Angeles County Recycling Market Development Zone to expand its current designated boundaries by including eight new jurisdictions (the cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Culver City, Huntington Park, Monrovia, Santa Fe Springs and Whittier) in addition to the eleven existing jurisdictions. The expansion is sought to increase the diversion of materials from area and regional landfills and to provide technical and financial support to additional businesses that use materials from the waste stream to manufacture their products.

Recommendation:

Staff finds that all of the requirements have been met and recommends that the Department find that the Project will not have any adverse environmental effects that are subject to mitigation or avoidance under the jurisdiction of the Department, and that the Department approve the application to expand the Los Angeles County Recycling Market Development Zone.

Deputy Director Action:

On the basis of the information and analysis in this Request for Approval and the findings set out above, I hereby find that the Project will not have any adverse environmental effects that are subject to mitigation or avoidance under the jurisdiction of the Department and I approve the application to expand the Los Angeles County Recycling Market Development Zone to include the cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Culver City, Huntington Park, Monrovia, Santa Fe Springs and Whittier.

Dated: 5/6/13



Howard Levenson, Deputy Director
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Background Information, Analysis, and Findings:

The Recycling Market Development Zone program combines recycling with economic development to fuel new businesses, expand existing ones, create jobs, and divert waste from landfills. Business assistance is provided through a partnership between local Zone Administrators and CalRecycle. CalRecycle provides manufacturers located in a CalRecycle-designated Recycling Market Development Zone with attractive loans, technical assistance, and free product marketing. Local incentives may include special variances in building codes and zoning laws, streamlined local permit processes, reduced taxes and licensing, and consistent secondary material feedstock supply.

The procedures necessary to expand the boundaries of an existing Recycling Market Development Zone are described in the California Code of Regulations Title 14, Division 7, Article 1, Section 17914. The Los Angeles County Zone is currently comprised of eleven jurisdictions, including the cities of Burbank, Carson, Commerce, Compton, El Monte, Glendale, Inglewood, Palmdale, South Gate, Torrance and Vernon. The Administrator for the Los Angeles County Zone submitted an application in February 2013, requesting that the boundaries of the Los Angeles County Zone be expanded to include the cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Culver City, Huntington Park, Monrovia, Santa Fe Springs and Whittier.

The Los Angeles County Recycling Market Development Zone has adequately addressed all requirements by submitting the information noted below:

Los Angeles County Recycling Market Development Zone Expansion	YES	NO	N/A
Updated Market Development Plan for the new jurisdictions joining the Zone, if applicable	X		
CEQA documentation provided	X		
A map indicating the new Zone boundaries	X		
Letters of commitment and support, if applicable	X		
Resolutions showing local adoption by county and/or cities	X		

Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Department (i.e., CalRecycle) is a Responsible Agency with respect to the expansion of the Zone (the Project). The Los Angeles County Recycling Market Development Zone served as Lead Agency and prepared and adopted a Notice of Negative Declaration (SCH # 2010051068) (the Environmental Document) on June 9, 2010, in connection with its approval of the Project. The Department's Legal staff has determined the Environmental Document is adequate for the Department's purposes and has considered the potential environmental effects of the Project as described in the Environmental Document prepared by the Lead Agency. Staff recommends that the Department find that the Project will not have any adverse environmental effects that are subject to mitigation or avoidance under the jurisdiction of the Department.

The administrative record for staff's recommendation to approve the Project includes the administrative record before the Lead Agency, the proposed Project together with all of its components and supporting documentation, this staff report, the Environmental Document

adopted by the Lead Agency, and all other documents and materials utilized by the Department in reaching its decision to approve the proposed Project. The custodian of the Department's administrative record is Dona Sturgess, Legal Office, Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, P.O. Box 4025, Sacramento, CA 95812-4025. The Department will file a Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse following Department approval of the Project.

